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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (Form PTO/SB/08a) and a copy of the foreign patent documents cited therein. The relevance of the cited document is indicated in the Search Report dated August 1, 2006, issued by the European Patent Office.

Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

Please note that U.S. 2002/098940 A1 has not been cited in this Information Disclosure Statement as it was cited in a previously filed Information Disclosure Statement as U.S. Patent No. 6,523,436.

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

A Notice of Allowance was issued on July 6, 2006 , for this application. Therefore, Applicants submit herewith the payment in the amount of \$180 for fees due under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(b)(2).

Respectfully submitted,



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